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SECRET/CONTROL U.S. OFFICIALS ONLY COUNTRY REPORT NO. Czechoslovakia SÚBJECT New Skoda Works Plant at Banovce nad DATE DISTR. 17 March 1953 Bebravou NO. OF PAGES 25X1C DATE OF INFO. REQUIREMENT NO. 25X1A PLACE ACQUIRED REFERENCES 25X1A

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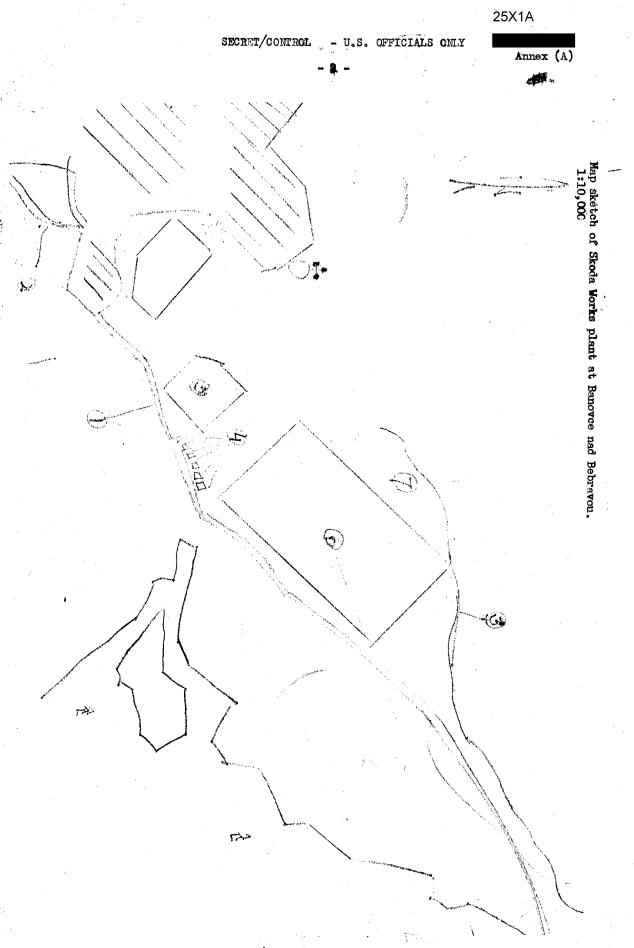
- A new plant of the Skoda Works is located 800 meters from the edge of the town of Banovce nad Bebravou (P49/T76), in the district of Nitra, along the road from Banovce nad Bebravou to Horni Nastice. It lies in the valley of the Radisa brook.
- Building was begun in the spring of 1949 on an area 800 by 350 meters. The buildings consisted of four large production halls, one administration building and the plant maintenance building. The project was launched by the Skoda Works in Brno and, as far as source could ascertain, was intended for the production of electrical and electro-mechanical instruments. Simultaneously, apartment houses for plant employees were erected near the Banovce nad Bebravou church.
- 3. From the moment when building started the site was guarded by SNB men, and "Keep out" notices were posted everywhere.
- Later on, rumor had it that the military authorities were to take charge of the new plant. These rumors were substantiated by the fact that one week before employees of the Skoda Works in Brno were to leave for the new factory in Banovce nad Bebravou their departure was cancelled. According to a non-confirmed rumor, it is now intended to use the plant for manufacturing radar parts.

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> (A) Map sketch (1 page) of Skoda Works plant at Banovce nad Bebravou. (B) Legend explaining Annex (A).

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Legend to map sketch of V.I. Lenin Works plant at Banovce nad Bebravou.

- 1. The Banovce nad Bebravou Horne Nastice road, five meters wide, concrete pavement.
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- 3. The Radisa brook, two meters wide.
- 4. Apartment houses built in 1949, two stories high, six by ten meters in size.
- 5. Textile plant, 200 by 300 meters.
- 6. The new V. I. Lenin plant, area 350 by 700 meters.
- 7. Barbed wire fence, two meters high around the plant, open along the brook.

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